Government have seen press reports in this regard.

(b) According to these reports, till November 1986, weapons and ammunition worth 32 million Swiss Francs have been sold to Pakistan while it is apparently Swiss policy not to disclose the nature of weapons and war material sold to any country, the reports indicate these included 20 mm and 35 mm anti aircraft guns, skyguard fire control systems and ammunition.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) We were informed that the weapons sold to Pakistan were on a commercial basis and for defensive purposes. Furthermore that the same Swiss company will entertain similar requests for arms from India.

Development of Surrli Falls in Madurai District of Tamil Nadu as a Tourist Spot

2234. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN:
SHRI M. VINCENT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tamil Nadu Government have requested the Central Government to develop Surrli Falls in Madurai District as a tourist spot during the Seventh Plan period; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to speed up the work of development in view of the vast number of pilgrims and tourists visiting the Falls?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) No such proposal has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

Madras Export Processing Zone

2235. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Madras Export Processing Zone was set up;

(b) what was the area originally required; the plan outlay, the total number of export processing units to be set up and expected strength of workforce to be employed and other details thereof;

(c) what are the details regarding the area developed, the number of units set up, the total work-force employed and the total amount of exports since its inception as on date;

(d) what are the future plans for development of this Zone and the likely investment and the number of units, along with the targetted export;

(e) how many out of these are NRI units and investments made therein; and

(f) what steps are being taken to provide infrastructure facilities, including water Power and other raw materials to the present units and also for the units to be set up in future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Madras Export Processing Zone was declared a Customs bonded area through a Gazette Notification dated 16.8.1985.

(b) The Zone has been set up in an area of about 98 acres with a plan outlay of Rs. 10.44 crores towards capital expenditure. It is anticipated that there will be 120 industrial units in the first phase employing a substantial number of industrial and managerial workforce.

(c) Under phase-I programme, the 98 acre land stretch has been developed. 12 industrial units have commenced production, while construction of factory buildings for 11 industrial units has been taken in hand. About 1200 persons are in direct employment in the industrial units set up so far. Exports affected by the zone units so far amount to about Rs. 10.5 crores.

(d) and (e) Acquisition of additional land has been planned. In addition a gem and jewellery complex is proposed to be established in the zone. The investment contemplated by the 102 industrial units approved so far is estimated to be Rs. 105 crores, of which NRI units numbering about 22 envisages an investment of Rs. 5.95 crores. The export target for the Zone during 1987-88 is fixed at Rs. 30 crores.

(f) Arrangements have been made for the requisite infrastructural facilities in the Zone, including water, power, communications and warehousing for the present and for the future growth of the Zone.

बिहार के गया जिले के स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को पेंशन

2236. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि बिहार के गया जिले के उन स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों और स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों की अविवाहित पुत्रियों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्होंने पुरानी स्कीम के अन्तर्गत पेंशन और पेंशन की बकाया राशि के लिये आवेदन किया है और उन्हें इससे वंचित रखा गया है और उनको इससे वंचित रखे जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्तामणि पाणिग्रही) : जिन स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों ने पुरानी योजना के अन्तर्गत पेंशन के लिए आवेदन किया था और उन्हें पेंशन या पेंशन की शेष राशि स्वीकृत करने से इन्कार कर दिया गया था, उनके नामों का अलग रिकार्ड नहीं रखा जाता है। इसी तरह स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों की उन अविवाहित लड़कियों के नामों का रिकार्ड भी नहीं रखा जाता है जिन्हें पेंशन स्वीकृत नहीं की गयी थी।

सामान्यतः स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों या उनकी अविवाहित लड़कियों को, यदि उन्हें पेंशन योजना के उपबंधों के अंतर्गत पात्र पाया जाता है तो उन्हें निर्धारित तारीख से और शेष राशि के साथ, यदि कोई हो, पेंशन स्वीकृत की जाती है। यदि किन्हीं मामलों में पात्र उम्मीदवारों को पेंशन या पेंशन की शेष राशि को देने से इन्कार किया गया है तो उनसे अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त होने पर उनके मामलों पर सहानुभूतिपूर्वक विचार किया जाता है।

News-item captioned 'Terrorists Given Land on Border'

2237. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item/article published in the "Times of India" of the 16th February, 1987 captioned "Terrorists given land on border"; if so what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether steps have been taken by Government to verify the news report; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government on the authenticity of the said item/article?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Government have seen the news item. The facts are being ascertained from the State Government.